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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 8, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 25 and 30 have been amended so as to read as follows:

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25. (Amended) A crawler belt bushing, comprising quench hardened layers formed so as to extend toward its wall core from its outer circumferential surface and from its inner circumferential surface respectively, and a soft layer formed between said quench hardened layers,